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ALEXANDRIA REDIVIVUS

The Washington Herald of this morning has the following to say of Alexandria:

Gone are those days when the alleged stage comedian was wont to depend on some slighting reference to Alexandria for the big laugh in his act. Or at least the basis for the laugh is gone even though the laugh is still provoked, through ignorance.

For Alexandria is going through a process of regeneration that promises to lift it to a plane nearly as high as the one it once boasted of, that of being the second largest seaport in the United States.

Progressiveness seems to be the watchword of the little Virginia city and the reflection of its energetic citizens is clearly shown in the figures of its population. While the last census gave it a scant 18,000, residents now unhesitatingly claim that nearly 35,000 people look to Alexandria as their home town. And the beauty of it all is the fact that there is room for more.

Important factories employing thousands of men are working continuously, with many others in the process of being built. The Southern Railroad is rapidly making the city its most important terminal and residences are daily coming into the town, are springing up all over the city. New streets are being laid out and the older streets that for years have been of the cobblestone variety are rapidly being dressed in concrete.

The reason for the increased activity and its attendant prosperity is not the war, although, of course, this factor is working, but Alexandrians attribute it to the various civic and business organizations of the city.

Whatever be the reasons or the outcome Washington eagerly watches the development, as Alexandria has always been looked upon as a sort of sister city to the National Capital and growth in Alexandria reflects itself many fold in this city.

The Gazette acknowledges the compliment paid by our esteemed contemporary to Alexandria. Our city has had much with which to contend for many years. At times the tide has flowed toward us, but the recession has almost invariably followed. As the Herald says, however, the indications are that is again turning toward us.

The basis of the city of Alexandria was laid October 21, 1669, the charter was granted in 1695 and the first settlement in 1749. These were events in our history many years before the conception of Washington as the seat of the federal government, that city not having come to the birth until 1790.

As is well-known, Alexandria had been selected long before as the site for the Capitol of the United States, it having been decided to erect that edifice upon Shooter's Hill, now a part of our city, which would have made that eminence the Acropolis of North America. George Washington, conscientiously, objected to this, as he suggested that Shooter's Hill is too near Mount Vernon, and it might be supposed he was interested in the selection in order to enhance the value of his possessions. Hence Washington was fixed upon as the site for the Capitol, and Alexandria was compelled to wait her time.

WOULD RETRACE HIS STEPS

Virgil in speaking of the descent of Aeneas into the infernal regions uses these words: Facilis descensus Averni. (The descent into hell is easy but to recall your step, and to re-ascend into the upper skies, forms the difficulty and the labor.)

The words of the poet, in their general application, mean that it is much easier for a man to get into than to extricate himself from any difficulty or danger.

The Kaiser is up against this proposition today. It took but a short time for him to plunge the greater part of the world into the bloodiest war in the history of the race, and now, after sacrificing between four and five millions of men, exhausting the resources of his country, threatening the Fatherland with general bankruptcy, losing all his colonies, bringing starvation and distress upon the Fatherland and incurring the just resentment of the world, he is

looking for a path out of his difficulties. He would retrace his steps, but here is the rub.

The Kaiser has known since the battle of the Marne that Germany is doomed to defeat, and during the past two years he has been sending up peace kites of different shapes. At first he announced that Germany was ready to consider peace on the present war map of Europe—that is the status quo—and allow him to hold on to northern France, Belgium, Serbia and Roumania. This proposition was very properly repudiated by the allies, and now he is ready to enter into a peace agreement on the status quo ante—or to conditions existing before the war. The allies have hooted at this proposal also.

For many months it has been evident that Germany is anxious to conclude peace on any basis that would not interfere permanently with her imperialistic designs and that would not involve surrender or the loss of sovereignty—which would permit her and the countries associated with her to meet the representatives of her enemies around the peace table on equal terms, and not in the role of the vanquished. While she has refused to outline her terms, her whole attitude for nearly a year has been that of a nation which is willing to stop the war but is forced to continue fighting by the relentlessness of her enemies.

CRADLES OF OUR FAITH

It is stated that Jerusalem has been made impregnable by the Germans, who are operating with the Turks. "The City of the Great King," as it is termed in the writings of the Hebrew prophets, has passed through many throes during the past three thousand years. It is destined to become another storm center before the present fearful war shall have been brought to a close.

Thirty years after the resurrection of the Author of the Christian religion the city was besieged by the Romans and destroyed, as Christ had foretold. He, however, added these significant words, "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." This, of course, means a time will come when it will not be trodden down.

Nearly nineteen hundred years have passed away since these words were uttered, and Jerusalem is still being trodden down of the Gentiles.

One of the outcomes of the present conflict will, it is believed, be the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel. Zionists all over the world have for years been praying with their windows open toward the City of the Great King looking for the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies concerning the restoration of Zion, while natives of the city, clothed in sackcloth, have mourned around the walls of their once beloved capital watching and waiting for the wresting of the city from the hands of the infidels.

The first letter the Apostle Paul wrote to Gentile Christians was the first Epistle to the Thessalonians. He abode there two weeks. Thessalonica is now called Salonika, and it has long been a storm center. Dispatches from that ancient city say that sixty thousand inhabitants have been rendered homeless by the destruction of their houses, while untold distress is prevalent everywhere.

The good book represents souls of slain ones under the altar in heaven crying "How long, O Lord, will thou not avenge our blood upon them who dwell upon the earth?" Vengeance divine to punish sin moves slow.

The slower its pace, the surer is its blow.

SIGNIFICANT UTTERANCES

Dispatches from Europe today show that Austria-Hungary want peace. The dispatches say people of the dual monarchy are literally crying for a termination of the war.

Dispatches from Berlin prove conclusively that the peace wave is gradually spreading over Germany. The new Chancellor, George Michaelis, was the target of powerful members of the Reichstag this week. It was alleged that he has assumed an evasive attitude on the peace resolution recently brought before that body, and during the discussion that followed the lie was used. A definite policy has been demanded of Michaelis.

The advocates of peace without annexation suspect the Chancellor of encouraging the schemes of pan-Germans.

Theodore Wolff, editor-in-chief of the Berlin Tageblatt, discussed the incident which brought about a temporary disagreement between the majority coalition and the Chancellor, saying: "It is no longer possible that a nation of 70,000,000 who have to pay for every fault with blood and gold

should be given a government without its representatives being consulted. It is the Reichstag's duty to end this most absolute bureaucratic system."

In the face of these mutterings of the coming storm the Kaiser is still telling the German people that God is with them. In addressing his troops recently he told them that England, the arch-enemy of Germany, must be beaten down at whatever cost. He further said:

"It is in God's hands when in His wisdom He will give us victory. With the old German confidence in God we shall show what we can do."

ANOTHER AUTO MISHAP

The story of the overturning of an automobile and the killing of a sergeant belonging to a command stationed near Alexandria, is told elsewhere in the Gazette. A young woman of this city was in the car at the time, but she and others with her escaped serious injury.

The evidence, so far, shows that the accident was the result of recklessness; also that the car had been well-stocked with liquor before it left Baltimore for St. Asaph.

We have long suspected that most accidents to motorists result from carelessness or in tempting Providence. We noticed a few days ago when a car collided with a post in a neighboring state with fatal results that the driver was racing with a fast express train of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The Gazette a few days ago called a neighboring state with fatal results during the night at express train speed. About the same hour this morning another automobile, believed to have been filled with joy riders, came down that thoroughfare equally as fast.

Occasionally the police succeed in obtaining the names of those engaged in this dangerous sport. A man was cited to appear before the Police Court this morning to answer the charge of speeding. He could not be found when his name was called and forfeited \$10 collateral.

BIG GRAIN FLEET TO SAIL

Thirty Dutch Ships in U. S. Port Given Permission to Depart.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Belgians will get food quickly and neutrals will have some of their wants supplied through an arrangement entered into yesterday by the Food Commission and the governments of the neutral European countries.

It was decided to let 30 or more Dutch ships sail at once from an Atlantic port, carrying grain owned by the Netherlands Government, on condition that the greater part of the cargoes shall be used for relief of the Belgians.

It also was announced that the Swedish Mission had sold at cost 552,000 bushels of wheat in this country to the Belgian relief. The wheat was bought by the Swedish Government last January and has been held in elevators ever since. This will go forward immediately in ships to be secured by the Belgian Relief Commission and will take the cargo space of several large freighters.

In return the Swedish Government will be allowed to ship 270,000 bushels of rye of the new American crop which will be available in September or October.

QUITS WASHINGTON.

Correspondent of Cologne Gazette Was Asked to Get Out.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Dr. George Barthelme, correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, has been asked to leave the national capital. He has done so. The Department of Justice, which suggested the migration, knows where he is going and expects him to report twice a week as has been exacted of him hitherto.

Formerly editor of the Cologne Gazette, Dr. Barthelme abandoned that post to become correspondent in the United States for that publication. His dispatches have had considerable weight in shaping German policy. In the United States, however, he is regarded as having given much misinformation to his people. Dr. Barthelme chose to remain in the United States when he could have accompanied Count von Bernstorff and the German ambassadorial party on its journey home. He was offered passports, but declined the privilege.

PRISONERS CAPTURED.

167,780 Taken Since April 8 by Entente Allies.

London, Aug. 25.—An official statement issued last night says:

"The number of prisoners captured by the entente allies since April, when the 1917 campaign opened with the battle of Arras, up to August 22 is: German war prisoners captured

DEL RAY AND ST. ELMO PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Del Ray, Aug. 25.—There will be the regular Sunday school and church services at the Del Ray Baptist church tomorrow. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. W. L. Ways, will preach from the text "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" At the evening service his subject will be "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

Mrs. Oscar Miller and daughter Lillian returned to Del Ray yesterday, from a visit to Mrs. Miller's brother in Maryland.

Miss Annie West, of Del Ray, has recovered from the effects of a fall which she sustained at her home on Peyton Avenue early this week.

Mrs. M. E. Thomas, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William T. Gary, in Del Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adkins, and son, of Guntown, Fla., are visiting Mr. Adkins' mother, Mrs. M. E. Adkins, on La Verne Avenue, St. Elmo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Weideman, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting in the home of Mr. N. V. Clayton, in St. Elmo.

The new home of Mr. Walter U. Varney is nearly completed and will soon be occupied by his family.

by British 46,155; German war prisoners captured by French, 13,723; chiefly Austrian war prisoners captured by Italians, 40,681; chiefly Austrians captured by Russians, 37,921. Total, 167,780.

"The total number of German war prisoners captured by us since the beginning of the war is 102,218."

"The total number of British prisoners, including Indians, captured by the Germans is approximately 43,000."

"The total number of prisoners captured by us in all the war theaters since the beginning of the war, exclusive of African natives, is 131,776."

"The total number of prisoners lost by us since the beginning of the war, exclusive of African natives, but including Indians, is approximately 56,500."

Copenhagen, Aug. 25.—Germany casualty lists no longer are permitted to leave Germany.

CONDITIONS IN HOUSTON

Order to Remove Black Troops Ends Trouble

Houston, Tex., Aug. 25.—Blanket charges of murder were filed last night by District Attorney John Crocker against 34 negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry, held in the county jail as a result of the rioting Thursday night, which ended with the death of seventeen persons, four of them city police officers.

This was the first move indicative of an attempt by the State to retain custody of the soldiers rather than turn them over to the army for punishment.

Fear of further clashes between white men and negroes abated last night, when it was learned that orders had been received for the immediate removal from Houston of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry.

CUT IN MEAT PRICES LIKELY

Hoover Goes to Chicago to Take up Question With Representatives of Packers.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Drastic cuts in meat prices are expected to follow conferences which will be held today in Chicago by Food Administrator Herbert C. Hoover and investigators of the Federal Trade Commission with representatives of the packers.

Facts discovered by the Trade Commission experts, forwarded here, have given rise to the belief that the inflation of meat prices is one of the greatest "war steals" perpetrated on the public. A resume of the facts sent to Mr. Hoover prompted him to make a quick trip to Chicago to go over in detail the figures on production and sale which have been gathered. His conference with the packers is by invitation from them.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION

Association Trumpet Goes to Harrisonburg.

Pulaski, Va., Aug. 25.—Hose Company No. 4, Harrisonburg, Luray and Lexington, were the only entries in the reel races, which yesterday concluded the Virginia State Firemen's Association. No. 4 won the first prize, the custody of the association trumpet and \$100 purse, time 31 1-3 seconds. Luray was second, winning \$50, time 39 seconds. Two Lexington men fell in the race and failed to connect. In the open to all race Luray won first prize, \$150, time 23 1-2

At the M. E. Church South the pulpit will probably be filled by a visitor from Washington in the morning, as the pastor, Rev. E. F. Fielding, is to preach the morning sermon in St. E. Church South at Alexandria, in the absence of Rev. E. V. Register pastor of that church. Sunday school will be conducted as usual by the superintendent, Mr. Ben. Goods. At the evening service Rev. E. F. Fielding will preach from the subject "Jesus the Teacher."

There have been a number of promotions among the officers at Camp St. Asaph. Among others Mayor Hennessy, who received the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. J. A. Carpenter, of Del Ray, is remodeling his home on Howell Avenue. When completed it will have a five room apartment on the first floor, and seven rooms above. Mr. Carpenter and family will occupy the apartment.

There was no meeting of the Y. P. M. S. last night as there were only three members present.

Mrs. B. B. Irby and daughter, Ethel, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. S. J. Irby, in St. Elmo, left yesterday for their home in Roanoke, Va.

seconds. No. 4 took second purse, \$75, time 21 seconds. Lexington made the run in 39 seconds. No. 4 and Lexington were each penalized 1 second in the second race having connected two threads at the plug. The Harrisonburg Daily News band secured the band prize of \$50.

KILLED AS AUTO HITS POLE.

One Man's Skull Smashed—Three Companions Hurt.

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—Alexander G. Jungkath, a widely known cricketer, was killed yesterday and his three companions injured when they were tossed from an automobile that ran into a telegraph pole at Fifty-fourth and Jefferson streets. Jungkath's head hit the pole, crushing his skull. His companions, a man and two women, escaped with minor bruises and cuts.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Chamber of Commerce of this city has requested the co-operation of all the Real Estate Agents in Alexandria, in an effort to locate a large number of new workmen to be employed at the Steel Plant near Giesboro. In compliance with their request I therefore urge and request all property owners in the City of Alexandria, whose houses are vacant, to send a description of the same to this office, which property will be listed with the Chamber of Commerce.

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